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Hello Co-Chairs Senator Musto, Representative Jutila and distinctive members of the GAE committee.

I am here today to testify on bills HB-6289 AN ACT CONCERNING WEEKLY CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS and HB-6290 AN ACT CONCERNING DONATIONS MADE FROM JOINT CHECKING ACCOUNTS.

HB-6289 would eliminate the weekly campaign financial reports due during the last month of the election season. Every candidate is extremely busy during the last month and to ask them to send a couple of hours with their treasurers to both prepare and review these reports just adds to the stress level during this time. Campaigns already are required to file a report in the January after the November election and this should suffice. I thought the main idea of the CEF was to level the playing field not educate one's opponent on how they should be spending their campaign funds. Besides diverting the campaigns from campaigning by requiring these reports, I don't want to school my opponent on how they should spend their campaign funds.

HB-6290 is just a common sense measure that will bring clarity to the contribution process. This bill will prevent contributions from being returned when people with a joint account use one check in a contribution.

Sincerely,

*Larry B. Butler*

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